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SUBJ: ADMIRAL MERINO'S TRAVEL

1. JAN 16 SANTIAGO PRESS CONTAINED STATEMENTS JUNTA MEMBER ADM MERINO WOULD DEPART ON VISIT TO SPAIN IN NEXT FEW DAYS, TO CARRY THROUGH ON SETTLEMENT OF COMPENSATION AGREEMENT ENDING ILL-STARRED PEGASO TRUCK CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE, AND TO ARRANGE VARIOUS FORMS OF SPANISH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. AT DINNER JAN 16 MERINO TOLD AMBASSADOR NUMBER OF GENERALS WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING HIM ON TRIP. THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR SUSPICION THAT AT SAME TIME, MERINO WILL BE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING ARMS FROM OR THROUGH SPAIN TO MEET SOME OF CHILE'S MOST PRESSING REQUIREMENTS.

3. MERINO SAID HE WOULD STOP IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ON RETURN JOURNEY. EXPECTS TO REACH NEW YORK ABOUT JAN 24, WASHINGTON ABOUT JAN 26. CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL BE ARRANGING HIS SCHEDULE. MERINO IS EXPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO MEET APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN SATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS.
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